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## **MINUTES**

**Aboriginal Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday May 9, 2013 – 5:30 P.M.**  
**City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 264**

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**Present:** Connie Bellamy, Marilyn Wright, Debra Elmes, Yvonne Maracle, David Bentley,  
**Regrets:** Cindy-Sue Montana-McCormack, Allan Loft, Maxine Carter – City of Hamilton  
**Absent:**  
**Also Present:** Barb Smoke - City of Hamilton  
**Guest:** Linda Jenkins, Deanna Levy – City of Hamilton

**Chairperson:** Marilyn Wright chaired the meeting.

1. **Opening.**
  - Y. Maracle opened the meeting at 5:45 p.m., with a prayer
2. **Welcome and Introductions.**
  - M. Wright welcomed everyone
  - Everyone introduced themselves
  - M. Wright asked that hopes and prayers be with M. Carter, with her Woman of Distinction nomination
3. **Declaration of Interest.**
  - None declared
4. **Review and Approval of Agenda.**
  - The addition of item 8a, Eagle Feather

### **MOTION #1**

**Y. Maracle/D. Elmes**

That the agenda be accepted, as amended.

**CARRIED.**

5. **Presentations:**
  - (a) **Housing and Homelessness Report – Jennie Vengris.**
    - Clarification required for when J. Vengris will attend
6. **Approval of Minutes.**

**(a) April 4, 2013.**

- Review of minutes

**MOTION #2****C. Bellamy/D. Elmes**

To accept the minutes of the April 4, 2013 meeting, as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**(b) Business Arising from the Minutes.**

- Page 2, item 5a, the Glendale play; the flyer for the date of the play is enclosed, scheduled for May 29, 30 & 31
- Page 5, item 5b, PME; the vendor registrations covers admission for 2 people. PME is inviting someone from the AAC to participate in the Grand Entry. Marilyn will participate. Regarding the gift, the committee requested that M. Carter look into the City's promotional items.

**7. Outstanding Business:****(a) Terms of Reference - Report Update.**

- M. Carter will update the committee at the June meeting.

**(b) Work Plan.**

- Ideas for a 2-day Conference; day one's focus on issues affecting land base and day two's focus on current gaps. The conference must be available to grass roots people. Agencies can learn about the community
- Will continue the discussion at the June meeting,
- Y. Maracle submitted the notes from the AAC table at NAD festivities at Gage Park in 2012,

**(c) National Aboriginal Day.**

- i. City Council Mtg. of June 12 – Aboriginal Opening.
  - Committee must select the individual who will speak at the opening for the June 12 City Council meeting.

Audit, Finance & Administration Committee meeting of June 10<sup>th</sup> – Declaration and Certificate Presentation.

- Agenda
  - M. Wright will draft up an agenda
- Declaration
- Who will present and accept the feather still to be clarified
- Discussion on having Métis ties, with a sash as well as an Inukshuk
- Certificates
  - Certificates to be given to agencies only, at this time

- The committee would like to have, the Council representative to the AAC, present the certificates
- Eagle Feather
  - Linda Jenkins was invited to attend this meeting, to discuss dressing of the Eagle feather and where to access a suitable case,
  - Committee discussed size of the dressing for the Eagle feather, what length, colour, logo or what design they want on it. Committee expressed a desire to have "AAC" on the feather, the four colours or the logo on leather dangling
  - Regarding the case, committee decided that a wooden box with the city logo on it, and the four colours on top or below the "H" would be ideal.
  - It was also suggested to ask a young Aboriginal artist to design the box
  - Y. Maracle informed the committee that the Eagle Feather can be accessed through the Raptor Conservation Centre, in Milton, for presentations. Y. Maracle will inquire with Luke Johns if he has any the Eagle Feathers, as a second option.

**MOTION #3****D. Bentley/Y. Maracle**

To approve \$100.00 for the design of the dressing of the Eagle feather by Linda Jenkins, and to purchase a case, preferable a wooden box to be designed, not to exceed \$500.00

**CARRIED.**

- ii. Soaring Spirit Aboriginal Festival - National Aboriginal Day, June 21-23, Gage Park.
  - Y. Maracle explained that BOND may have the band shell area back, for NAD festivities
  - Opening to take place June 21 at 11:00 a.m.
  - BOND is not organizing activities at City Hall but the HRIC is having activities at City Hall
  - Banner
    - Y. Maracle gave an update on the banner across Main Street in front of City Hall.
    - No space left for June 2013
    - The city's rules have changed and they require mesh banners to be used
    - It was suggested to have the cost of the banner shared with HEDAC if they are willing
  - M. Wright to contact Janice Lewis-Deeley, HEDAC regarding shared cost with the AACI

- The current NAD banner will be used at Gage Park on June 21, so it will not be available for City Hall

**MOTION #4****D. Elmes/D. Bentley**

That an information booth, at the National Aboriginal Day Festival, at Gage Park, June 21-23, 2013, be purchased with the cost to not exceed \$300.00

**CARRIED.****8. New Business.****(a) Eagle Feather.**

- Previously dealt with under 7c

**9. Information Sharing.**

(a) Committee Against Racism's Black History Event, May 24 & 25, city hall.

- The AAC was invited to set up an Aboriginal display at this event but were unable to find any members to participate

(b) Grand River Champion of Champions Pow Wow, July 27 & 28.

(c) Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow, August 24 & 25.

(d) Ten Miles Out – A Glendale Secondary School Legacy Project, May 29, 30, 31, 7:00 pm, 145 Rainbow Drive

(e) National Aboriginal Day Festival, June 21-23, Gage Park.

(f) Habitat for Humanity Hamilton, information session May 25 & June 22, 1:30 pm, 460 Wentworth St. N.

**10. Next Meeting.**

- Thursday June 6, 2013

**11. Adjournment.****MOTION #5****D. Elmes/D. Bentley**

To adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**CARRIED.**